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LANCASTER COUNTY FARMERS ASSOCIATION SPEAKER Gerald A. Biggs, president of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association, is flanked by Noah W. Wenger, left, president of the county association, and Harold Rohrer, PFA State director for Adams, York, and Lancaster Counties. L F Photo

Farmers Must Get Their Story To Consumers Or Be Federal Wards, County Association Members Told

The federal government has a "Master Plan" that will appear to supply cheap food to this nation of consumers by leveling the price on agricultural products and making up the difference to the farmer through a direct subsidy. This is the threat which hangs over the head of the American farmer, Pennsylvania Farmers Association president Gerald Biggs told some 250 Lancaster County Farmers Association members Tuesday night at their annual meeting at the Blue Ball Fine Hall.

The only alternative to this master plan is for farmers to get their story across to the consumer, Biggs said. "This is a job you can't hire anybody to do, only the farmers themselves can do it," Biggs stated.

The present food plight in this country is "the result of 30-odd years of federal controls, which have been the greatest failure and most costly program known to mankind," the PFA president said. He suggested that, if at the close of World War II, government controls had been removed and farmers allowed to seek their own levels in agricultural production, "we would not be in the situation we are in today. Today we're pinned down in one of the worst positions imaginable for American agriculture."

Biggs said that in 1961 the

total gross agricultural income was \$34 billion while total production costs were \$14 billion. In 1965 total income was \$44 billion and costs crept up to \$34 billion. In 1961 agricultural net income was \$20 billion, compared to the \$10 billion difference between costs and income in 1965.

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Livestock Exp. Makes Ready For Over 3500 Head

HARRISBURG — Animals in the 18th Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition Nov. 5-12, will total over 3,500. Harold R. McCulloch, manager said this week. Beef cattle, hogs, sheep, and horses in the main event will total 3,254, well above average for these shows. More than 250 mounts will perform in the Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show closing event on the week-long program. Beef cattle total 773, sheep, 1,092, hogs, 1,044, and horses, 345. In the exposition for the first time will be Quarter horses, with 147 head, and Charolais beef breeding cattle, with 68 entries. Shorthorns lead in beef breeding cattle with 101 head. Angus follow with 89, Polled Hereford 83, Charolais, 63; (Continued on Page 14)

"The Man In The Mirror" Holds Key To Success, Dairymen Told

When dairymen run into health problems they are inclined to blame everyone but the right guy, Penn State University extension veterinarian Samuel Guss told some 185 area farmers Tuesday in an all-day dairy seminar sponsored by Miller & Bushong, Inc. and held at the Guernsey Sales Barn, Lancaster.

"Look in the mirror," Guss said. "There's where you'll find the answers when your cows don't get bred right, don't freshen on schedule, or, don't clean right. Your own management is the principal factor in your herd's health," he said.

Guss outlined a number of dairy herd problems that are often solved with drugs, when good management in the first place would have avoided the problem. He drew an enthusiastic response when he sug-

gested there were too many "Cadillac cows managed by Model A intellects" in the dairy business — "and even some Model T intellects," he added.

Another speaker during the (Continued on Page 9)

Farmers Told To Beware Inflated Hay Prices

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania dairy and livestock farmers, fighting off the crippling effects of another drought year, face a new economic threat in sharply rising hay prices, State Agriculture Secretary Leland H. Bull declared this week.

"Some suppliers in New York and Ohio late last week raised hay prices an average of \$10 a ton, especially when dealing with buyers from drought-stricken areas," Secretary Bull said. "This could be disastrous for Pennsylvania dairymen and livestock farmers who have been buying emergency hay supplies in those states." (Continued on Page 6)

Five Area Holsteins Post New Records

Five registered Holstein cows in Lancaster County herds recorded new production marks, according to the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

A four-year-old, Spring Lawn Lad Ax Vune, owned by Jay C. Garber of Lancaster, produced 16,730 M and 575 F.

In the Robert C. Groff herd, Quarryville, eight-year-old Groffdale Lucky Numa had 18,550 M, 614 F, in 312 days.

Beauchamp Capper Ebony, seven-year-old, owned by Kreisle & Foulk of Quarryville, had 17,560 M, 605 F, in 305 days.

In the Clarence Murry herd, Drumore, a six-year-old, Kinview Patsy Edgeware, produced 16,820 M, 594 F, in 348 days.

Wassler-Run Echo Ida, three-year-old, had 17,640 M, 549 F, in 305 days.

Milk Handler Pool Fate Still Undetermined

The fate of the Order 4 milk handler pool has been in the government's hands for more than a year since it was originally marked for doom by agriculture secretary Orville Freeman. The final decision to dump or retain the Order will not now be forthcoming until after election day.

So said James Honan, general manager, Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative, Wednesday night Honan, speaking to nearly 200 dairymen at an Inter-State District 6 meeting at Gap Fire Hall, said, "We will not get an answer on this, one way or another, until after November 8."

Honan told the dairy farmers and their wives that 34 (Continued on Page 5)

Brubaker Wins National FFA Office; Becomes 2nd. Countian So Honored

It was an exciting day at Kansas City, Missouri, last Friday for Harold J. Brubaker of Mount Joy R1, and it marked an historic occasion for Lancaster County.

Nineteen-year-old Brubaker became the second Lancaster Countian ever to be named to a national office in the Future Farmers of America when he was elected vice president of the 12-state North Atlantic region.

Brubaker, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul N. Brubaker, graduated from Donegal High School in 1964. He is a member of the Elizabethtown FFA Chapter. Presently, he is studying animal husbandry at Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture at Doylestown, and plans eventually to follow a career in veterinary medicine. At the moment, he hopes the duties of his new office will permit him to finish the current semester at college.

Brubaker attended the national FFA convention as a

candidate for the American Farmer degree, highest award obtainable to FFA members. Two other Lancaster Countians (see Lancaster Farming, Aug. 20, 1966) also received (Continued on Page 12)



Harold J. Brubaker

Farm Calendar

October 25 — 6:45 a.m., County Livestock Tour leaves by bus from Lancaster Shopping Center — 10 a.m., County 4-H Capon Club Exhibit at Elks Club, 219 N. Duke St., Lancaster.

October 27 — 2:45 p.m., 22nd annual FFA leadership training conference; at Warwick High School, Lititz — 7:45 p.m., 4-H County Council at Farm Credit Bldg., Lancaster, Theme — "Citizenship in Action". Speaker and panel.

October 28 — 9:30 a.m., Wayne Dairy Field Day, at James Kreider farm, Quarryville R1 — 6:45 p.m., Annual 4-H Dairy Club banquet at Methodist Church, Quarryville.



The weather outlook for the next five days calls for temperatures to average near, or slightly above, the normal range of 64 to 42 degrees. The coolest part of the period will be early next week.

More rain is predicted with amounts totaling up to 1/2-inch. This will occur mainly about Monday.